Bamboo Organ in all Its Majesty!

by Scotty

The Bamboo Organ of Las Pinas!

First of all I wish to describe my time in the church. I was completely overwhelmed with awe during my visit to this beautiful and magical place, a relic from another century. This is a living time capsule that people use as part of their everyday lives here. This is one of the most dramatic and impressive experiences of my entire life! I would liken the feeling that came over me to the experience of entering the inner sanctuary of the Alamo. The feeling of awe did not leave me for many many hours after I left the church. I strongly recommend that you visit the Las Pinas Bamboo Organ if you visit the Philippines.

The Bamboo Organ Foundation needs your help. Please contribute to them so that they may keep this historical treasure alive and singing its beautiful song for centuries to come. I plan to raise funds with my students to do exactly this. Visitors, be aware that the annual Las Pinas International
Bamboo Organ Festival is hosted during February each year. Please try to attend and show your support for this amazing and visionary work! See you there, I hope!

GOOD ENERGY!

Professor Salarza expertly demonstrates the amazing capabilities and tones of the organ.
Me making noise on the Bamboo Organ
Bamboo Organ
Captivating old artwork
SHOUT BACK AT YOU!!!! Time to answer questions! Hello Mary: The materials use in the organ were chosen to stand up to the extreme tropical environment in the Philippines. People here have millenia of experience with materials, so they built from materials that would best stand up to the humidity and heat. For example, Father Cera buried his bamboo pipes on the beach in sand for one year to make them resistant to termite invasion! The organ did deteriorate, and was unplayable a century ago. Belgian missionaries saw this organ for the historical treasur that it is, and restored its functionality. In the 1970s, the organ was shipped to Germany for rebuilding, and it is now maintained by the Diego Cera Organ Builders. Yes it is very beautiful Jackie: You said it much better than I ever could! Jessica: Yes they are! John: Wooden pipes are standard on organs, so they are not unique. The bamboo certainly is, however. Engineering team, perhaps we can build a rank of bamboo pipe for our organ as tribute to this masterpiece. Dillan: Nice to see you are still only thinking of food! How’s about an alligator pizza. At least you are consistent! Steve: Techie is beyond amazing! Techie: Keep on keeping everybody smiling’! John: Pipes are bisected, hollowed, then glued back together! Steve: Thank techie! There was a shortage of metals for pies, hence the bamboo, which was readily available! Juanita: I heard the organ play and I played it! I have video with sound which will be posted on this site whenever we get technical issues resolved. Thank you to the mutants and tech heads that make this website possible. None of it would happen without you!

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